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## FISHER CALLS FREAR-KUHIO HEARING

### AMBASSADOR BRYCE WON'T "DIGNIFY RUMOR TO RETIRE BY DENIAL"

#### DIPLOMACY BRYCE'S TACK

##### BRITISH AMBASSADOR DE- CLINES TO DISCUSS CA- NAL POLITICS

"This greeting and reception accorded me by the people of Honolulu has touched me deeply." So stated Right Honorable James Bryce, who for a number of years has served as British Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington D. C.

Standing with bared head, he proved an interested auditor to the patriotic melody from the Royal Hawaiian band which played "God Save the King" as the Oceanic liner Ventura with the distinguished diplomat on board neared the wharf this morning.

"It has been nearly thirty years ago that I last visited Honolulu," said the Ambassador. "I wish to extend my sincere respects and greetings to your Territorial and city and county officials for the expressions of welcome accorded me this morning."

Firmly but politely waving aside any topics that might lead to the introduction of a discussion of diplomatic affairs, Ambassador Bryce declined to touch upon matters pertaining to international subjects or politics.

Reported Resignation Mere Rumor.

"From time to time in the course of my diplomatic career, I have been confronted with the oft-repeated rumor that I was to retire from my post," declared Ambassador Bryce in response to a query from a Star-Bulletin representative who ventured the query as to whether he intended to retire within the next two or three months as more or less freely stated in late dispatches from Washington.

"I have never dignified these stories by a denial," insisted the ambassador, "and at this time I have nothing to add in regard to the matter." In this same connection Mr. Bryce likewise refrained from entering into a discussion as to a possible successor to the embassy at Washington.

"Any protest that may have been made by my government against the Panama Canal Bill is a matter that I could only take up with the seat of government at Washington. This is a political question which I must beg leave to be excused from discussing at this time."

Sideslipping Dangerous Ground. Ambassador Bryce called from Sydney, N. S. W., the latter part of August. At the time of his departure from the Commonwealth the canal bill was then under fire.

The British diplomat was told that Great Britain had reaffirmed its protest against the canal bill, a note having been filed with A. Mitchell James, charge of the British Embassy at Washington during the absence of Mr. Bryce. To the report that Mr. James had been instructed by his government to file the protest in a brief note merely stating that Great Britain still stands in her previously explained attitude in regard to the Panama canal bill, Ambassador Bryce appeared interested but offered no comment.

The British diplomat also sidestepped the question as to whether the tone of the canal bill made it appear that the British government believes it will be necessary to subject the question to arbitration.

Optimistic of Australia's Progress. "What are the prospects of an increased Australian trade and immigration?" was asked the Ambassador. "Australia is a fine country, and the prospects are bright for a prosperous season. The country has undoubtedly been spared a period of depression owing to a liberal rainfall in the agricultural districts."

Before taking passage in the Ventura, Ambassador Bryce, Mrs. Bryce and his party were given opportunity

#### OAHU DEFENSE PLANS FINISHED BY ARMY BOARD

Utmost Secrecy Maintained as to Nature of Report; Variety of Problems

OFFICERS TO CARRY FINDINGS TO CAPITAL

More Forts, System of Military Roads and Increase in the Troops Part of Scheme

The board of army officers convened here five weeks ago on special orders from Washington, to formulate a plan of defense which would "make the island of Oahu impregnable," completes its labors today. The four officers who compose the board will affix their signatures to what is probably the most important report ever drawn up on the islands, and the first step toward preparing against a possible invasion of Uncle Sam's Pacific outpost will have been taken.

Lieutenant-Colonel John F. Morrison, Infantry, and Major George Blakely, Coast Artillery Corps, two members of the board who came from over seas, leave on the Ventura this evening, and the last few days have been busy ones for all concerned. General M. M. Macomb has been president of the board and Major W. P. Wooten its fourth member, and these two have had their regular duties to attend to in addition to the defense deliberations, but Colonel Morrison and Major Blakely, being strangers to island conditions, have given their entire time, often working until late into the night, to the vast problem presented for solution.

The result of five weeks of the hardest kind of field and office work is contained in a voluminous report, which it has taken more than a week to prepare. Just what recommendations are carried in the closely typed pages will probably never be known by the general public, and in all likelihood, very few army officers and State officials will have access to it. Members of the board refuse absolutely to discuss it, merely saying that it is strictly confidential, and that there is no comment to be made one way or another, from this end of the line at any rate.

The problems of defense for Oahu

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#### Secretary Fisher And His Right-Hand Man On Trip



HERBERT A. MEYER  
Governor and Delegate Called into a Morning Conference

Secretary of the Interior Walter L. Fisher arrived in Honolulu on the Japanese liner Chiyu Maru this morning to investigate the charges made by Delegate Kuhio against Governor Frear and his administration. Within a few hours after his arrival, he had called the Governor and the Delegate into a conference at the Moana Hotel, where Mr. Fisher's party is stopping, and from that conference came the statement that Mr. Fisher will start his local investigation with a public hearing tomorrow morning in the Senate chamber, executive building.

The hearing is to be at 10 o'clock in the morning, and opportunity is to be given both sides of the controversy. The Secretary, sitting as a sort of judge, will probably first hear the charges made by the Delegate, and then answer. He will also, it was stated this morning, wish to hear from a number of citizens here who may be able to add to the fund of information of which he is possessing himself.

Wasting no time, in roundabout

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SECRETARY W. L. FISHER

DEVELOPMENTS OF DAY ARE RAPID.

Secretary Fisher and party arrive on Chiyu Maru.

Greeted by Governor Frear, who boards steamer off port.

Go to Moana Hotel, where rooms were reserved.

Mr. Fisher at once calls Delegate Kuhio and the Governor into private conference to discuss method of procedure of investigation.

As result of conference, public hearing is called for tomorrow morning at ten o'clock in Senate chamber, Capitol building.

Mr. Fisher may visit island of Kauai next week, leaving on Tuesday.

Will probably visit Hawaii and Maui later.

#### PROTECTION FOR AMERICANS ASKED

U. S. Ambassador Wilson Instructed To Urge More Troops For Northern Mexico

[Associated Press Cable]  
MEXICO CITY, Mex., Sept. 6.—U. S. Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson was today instructed from Washington to urge upon the Mexican government the need for additional troops in Northern Mexico as protection for Americans.

This official action on the part of the United States follows grave reports this morning as to the lawless raids of rebel bands upon American ranches and mines.

#### New York Probe Shows Many Disorderly Houses Untouched

[Associated Press Cable]  
NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 6.—Inspector Hayes, suspended from the department for insubordination and charged with having declared that Police Commissioner Rhinelander Waldo gave orders not to molest disorderly houses, was put on trial today. Waldo, appearing as a witness, declared that he had never given any such orders. He stated that Mayor Gaynor had not directed the vice policy of the police department. Waldo admitted that he knew that disorderly houses were flourishing throughout the city, but asserted that he had supposed that Hayes was unable to obtain evidence against them.

#### Army Aviators Killed In Storm

[Associated Press Cable]  
LONDON, Eng., Sept. 6.—Captain Hamilton and Lieutenant Edwards, two of the best known aviators in the British army, were killed today as the result of attempting to fly during a severe storm.

[Associated Press Cable]  
MUNICH, Ger., Sept. 6.—Lieutenant Steger of the aviator corps, German army, was almost instantly killed today in an aeroplane accident. His machine was caught in a stiff gust of wind.

#### U. S. Troops to Blaze Trails Through Wild Koolau Range

Gen. Macomb Orders Battalion of Infantry to Conquer Forbidding Fastnesses

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]  
Schofield Barracks, Sept. 6. Koolau range that guards the plains of Leliehua on the east is to be the objective of a heavy exploring party during the next ten days. This detachment of troops will again undertake to locate certain feasible passages through the selected country. Having so determined these trails, for that is all they may possibly be termed, the paths will be permanently marked by blazing trees or other means so that in future parties working through the mountains will have definite points to work out from.

Hitherto the numerous attacks on Koolau have been more or less desultory, though much hard work has been done and many hardships endured. But General Macomb has determined that the forbidding country shall be conquered. Col. French has selected the first

Three trails are to be worked out. One known at Punahoa, another as the Wahiawale and the last called Kahana.

The difficulties are enormous and the work of dangerous character since it is known that at one place on the Kahana trail the path is along a "knife-edge" for nearly two hundred yards and is but one foot in width while to the east under this narrow road is a sheer drop of over a thousand feet.

#### AMBASSADOR AND SECRETARY MEET AT LUNCHEON TODAY

Ambassador Bryce and Secretary of the Interior Fisher met at luncheon today, guests of Governor Frear. The luncheon, which was pleasantly informal, was given at the Moana Hotel at 1 o'clock.

The table was set in the main dining-hall of the Moana, and those who sat down were Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce, Secretary and Mrs. Fisher, Governor and Mrs. Frear, Mrs. Mott-Smith, Mr. F. M. Swanzy and Mrs. Walter F. Dillingham.

#### T. R. MEETS STEAM ROLLER Colonel Chuckles as His Auto Turns Out

BOSTON, Aug. 17.—Colonel Roosevelt and the steam roller met in Dedham yesterday and the Colonel turned aside. It tickled him immensely. He was in an auto with his party on their way from Rhode Island. They had just left Dedham and reached a bend in the road at Washington Heights, when along came the road flattener, laboriously trundling right in the center of the highway.

"Look out, Colonel," chirped a Progressive on the front seat of the car. "Here comes the G. O. P."

"Haw-haw," chuckled the Colonel. "I've met steam rollers before and survived them."

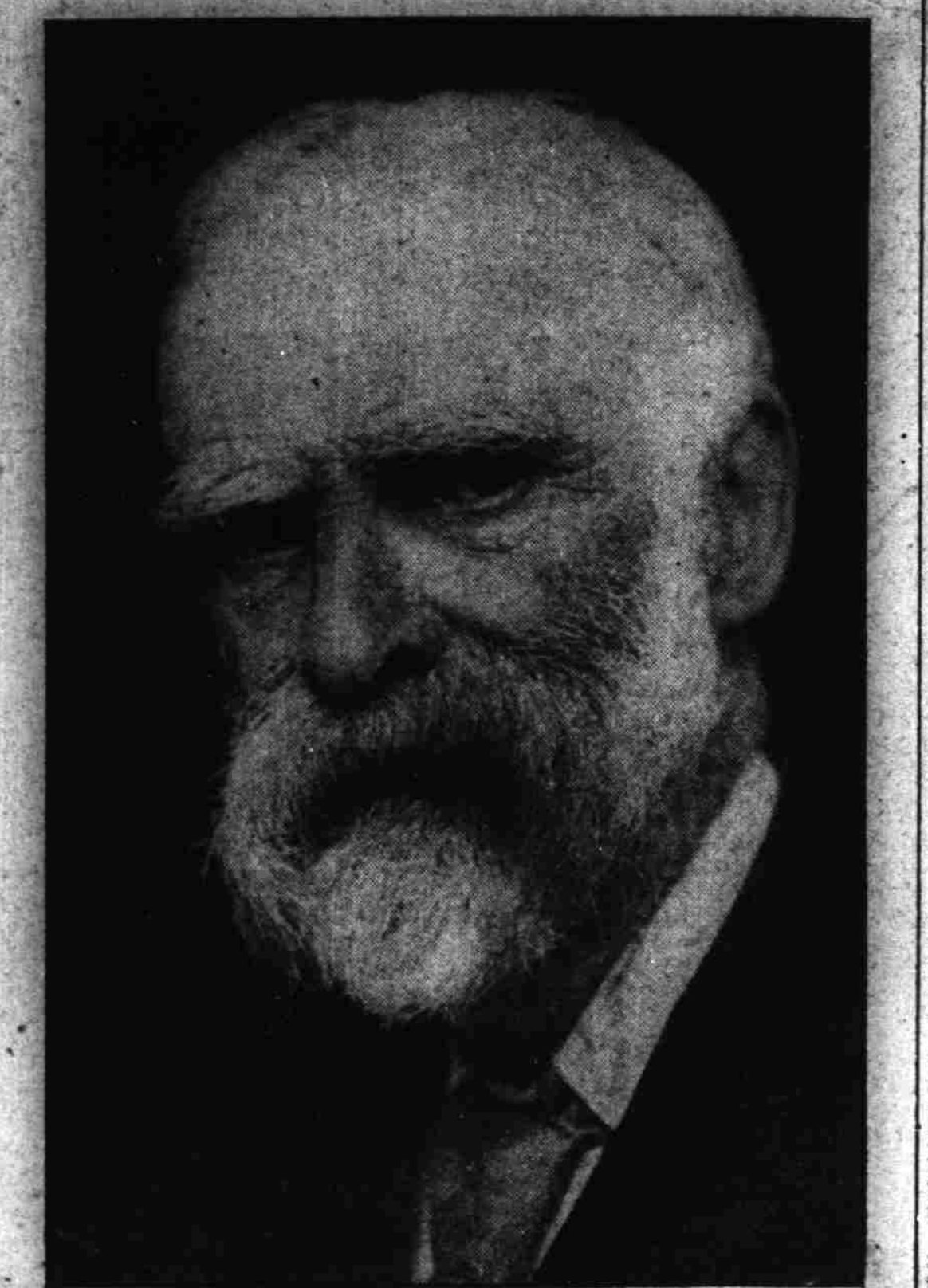
The chauffeur swung to the side of the road and the auto leaped past the roller. The Colonel twisted his broad felt hat in salute to the engineer, who doffed an oily cap in response.

It is feared that the Mexican situation is more serious than has been believed, inasmuch as President Mas has said that the fact that the Orycan rebellion has been quelled.

The steamship Honesta went ashore on Tin Shoals in the straits of Mackinac. Without the slightest panic, 100 passengers were taken ashore in small boats.

A cloudburst wiped out the town of Lebanon, Ohio, sweeping away houses and ruining crops. No lives were

#### Noted Diplomat Who Is Visitor Here



BRITISH AMBASSADOR JAMES BRYCE

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